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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/535,005

Art Unit : 1623

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: March 23, 2000

Examiner

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Title

: FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN ION

EXCHANGE RESIN AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT

Date

: May 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir,

This is a Response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002 and is being submitted with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee extending the date for a response to May 22, 2003. Should an additional fee be due, please charge Deposit Account Number 23, 0455. In view of the following remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: